Computation

Under the formula, the election official and election worker coverage threshold amount for 2011 shall be equal to the 1999 amount of $1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2009 to that for 1997. If the amount so determined is not a multiple of $100, it shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of $100.

Election Official and Election Worker Coverage Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 1999 coverage threshold amount ($1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2009 ($40,934.93) to that for 1997 ($27,426.00) produces the amount of $1,492.56. We then round this amount to $1,500. Accordingly, the election official and election worker coverage threshold amount is $1,500 for 2011.

For more information, see the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Respondents: Participants in Public Diplomacy (PD) programs, selected users of PD products and services, and others engaged in the Department of State.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000 annually.

Estimated Number of Responses: 40,000 annually.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Frequency: On occasion.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

DATES: Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from October 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: DullesJF@state.gov.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Juliet Dulles, R/PPR EMU 2200 C Street, NW., SA–5 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Juliet Dulles, R/PPR EMU 2200 C Street, NW., SA–5 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037, who may be reached on 202–632–3344 or at DullesJF@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

This generic collection is for performance measurement, program evaluation, customer satisfaction and attitudinal evaluation surveys. Included in this collection are questions designed to measure and evaluate the performance of programs, products and services provided by the Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP), and the Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Office of Policy, Planning and Resources (R/PPR). Survey respondents include participants in PD programs, selected users of PD products and services, and others engaged in the Department of State efforts.

Methodology

95% of the data collection conducted by R/PPR EMU uses electronic collection methodologies except when the infrastructure of the foreign country does not permit electronic data collection, or when data are being collected through focus groups. Technology is used in nearly every survey in which safety, security, programmatic, cultural or political concerns are not of sufficient magnitude to pose a negative impact on the respondent. Survey instruments are distributed via web-based or e-mail technology in PDF format, allowing the respondent to complete the survey and return it anytime during the survey period.

Additional Information

None.


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Office of the United States Trade Representative


AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in connection with the 2010 GSP Annual Review to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program (“2010 GSP Annual Product Review”). This notice announces the petitions accepted for review and sets the date of the public hearing and schedule for submitting comments on the petitions, requests to participate in the public hearing, pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs, and comments on the U.S. International Trade Commission’s (USITC) report on probable economic effects. The petitions accepted for review are listed below. More information on these petitions can